



Comhairle Contae Lú  
Louth County Council

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February 2017 County Council Meeting

Date: 20/02/2017 10:00

Meeting Location: Council Chamber

The next meeting of Louth County Council will be held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Dundalk on Monday 20th February 2017 at 10.00 a.m. to consider the undermentioned items:-

## Minutes

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| Minutes | <b>Submitted By: Alan Sherry</b>  | <b>Item ID: 2092</b> |
|         | <b>Date Submitted: 06/02/2017 00:00:00</b>                              | <b>Owners:</b>       |
|         | Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 16th January 2017                    |                      |
| Minutes | <b>Submitted By: Alan Sherry</b>  | <b>Item ID: 2093</b> |
|         | <b>Date Submitted: 06/02/2017 00:00:00</b>                              | <b>Owners:</b>       |
|         | Minutes for noting:-  |                      |
|         | Corporate Policy Group 5th January 2017                                 |                      |
|         | Borough District of Drogheda 9th January 2017                           |                      |
|         | Municipal District of Ardee 12th January 2017                           |                      |
|         | Municipal District of Dundalk 10th January 2017                         |                      |
|         | LCDC (Local Community Development Committee) 30th November 2016         |                      |
|         | Housing, Community Planning & Emergency Services SPC 28th November 2016 |                      |

## Reports

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| Reports | <b>Submitted By: Joan Martin</b>           | <b>Item ID: 2094</b> |
|         | <b>Date Submitted: 06/02/2017 00:00:00</b> | <b>Owners:</b>       |
|         | Monthly Management Report January 2017     |                      |

## Section 183 Notice

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| Section 183 Notice | <b>Submitted By: Paddy Donnelly</b>   | <b>Item ID: 2095</b> |
|                    | <b>Date Submitted: 06/02/2017 00:00:00</b>  | <b>Owners:</b>       |
|                    | Disposal of plot of ground and former pumping station at Mountain View, Reaghstown, Ardee |                      |
| Section 183 Notice | <b>Submitted By: Joe McGuinness</b>   | <b>Item ID: 2096</b> |
|                    | <b>Date Submitted: 06/02/2017 00:00:00</b>  | <b>Owners:</b>       |
|                    | Disposal of Land at Clos na Manach, Greenore Road, Carlingford                            |                      |

## Items

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| Items | <b>Submitted By: Alan Sherry</b>  | <b>Item ID: 2113</b> |
|       | <b>Date Submitted: 07/02/2017 00:00:00</b>  | <b>Owners:</b>       |
|       | To agree a date for the April Meeting of Council  |                      |
| Items | <b>Submitted By: Paddy Donnelly</b>   | <b>Item ID: 2097</b> |
|       | <b>Date Submitted: 06/02/2017 00:00:00</b>  | <b>Owners:</b>       |
|       | Section 85 Agreement with Westmeath County Council  |                      |
| Items | <b>Submitted By: Alan Sherry</b>  | <b>Item ID: 2114</b> |
|       | <b>Date Submitted: 09/02/2017 00:00:00</b>  | <b>Owners:</b>       |
|       | Nomination of 6 members to attend Meeting with TII (Transport Infrastructure Ireland) in respect of Ardee by-pass - date to be arranged |                      |
| Items | <b>Submitted By: Alan Sherry</b>  | <b>Item ID: 2098</b> |
|       | <b>Date Submitted: 06/02/2017 00:00:00</b>  | <b>Owners:</b>       |
|       | Presentation - National Paediatric Hospital Development Board - New Children's Hospital   |                      |

## Conference/Event

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| Conference/Event | <b>Submitted By: Alan Sherry</b>  | <b>Item ID: 2099</b> |
|                  | <b>Date Submitted: 06/02/2017 00:00:00</b>  | <b>Owners:</b>       |
|                  | To approve members attendance at the attached Conference/Events endorsed by the Corporate Policy Group on 9th February 2017 |                      |

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| Reports   | <b>Submitted By: Alan Sherry</b>           | <b>Item ID: 2100</b> |
|   | <b>Date Submitted: 06/02/2017 00:00:00</b> | <b>Owners:</b>       |
| Allocation of Community Grants to the 31st January 2017 |  |                      |

## Motions

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| Motions  | <b>Submitted By: Kevin Callan</b>          | <b>Item ID: 2101</b> |
|  | <b>Date Submitted: 06/02/2017 00:00:00</b> | <b>Owners:</b>       |
| <p>Will Louth County Council undertake to operate a scheme in conjunction with the Fire Service to provide a service to commercial premises within the urban centres of Drogheda, Ardee, Dunleer and Dundalk for the purposes of removing vegetation and organic growth at height on commercial buildings, many of which are either listed or of historic importance.</p> <p>Such a scheme would be undertaken on the basis of local businesses and occupiers agreeing to the terms of such a scheme as to be drafted by the Council. The scheme would not just assist traders but also improve our streetscapes and also assist in protecting our heritage.</p> |  |                      |

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| Motions  | <b>Submitted By: Maeve Yore</b>            | <b>Item ID: 2102</b> |
|  | <b>Date Submitted: 06/02/2017 00:00:00</b> | <b>Owners:</b>       |
| "That Louth Co Council should include directional arrows on all cycle lanes in County with immediate effect" |  |                      |

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| Motions   | <b>Submitted By: Conor Keelan</b>          | <b>Item ID: 2103</b> |
|   | <b>Date Submitted: 06/02/2017 00:00:00</b> | <b>Owners:</b>       |
| "That this Council request that the Minister of Health Simon Harris T.D. ensure that the drug Orkambi for Cystic Fibrosis sufferers be included in the GMS and LTI Scheme." |  |                      |

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| Motions   | <b>Submitted By: Pio Smith</b>             | <b>Item ID: 2104</b> |
|   | <b>Date Submitted: 06/02/2017 00:00:00</b> | <b>Owners:</b>       |
| <p>"Calling on Louth County Council to arrange a meeting with the Minister of Finance with a view to outlining the benefits of having The Living City initiative extended to Drogheda and Dundalk. The Living City Initiative is a targeted pilot tax incentive which aims to seek to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. encouraging people back to the centre of Irish cities to live in historic buildings</li><li>2. encouraging the regeneration of the retail heartland of central business districts. The Initiative will provide tax incentives for works performed to refurbish residential and retail buildings either to bring them up to a habitable standard or even to make improvements to buildings which are currently inhabited. The incentives will be targeted at owner/occupiers rather than property developers.</li></ol> <p>If the Minister agrees to a meeting a representative sample of officials and councillors from the council can attend to state our case"</p> |  |                      |

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| Motions  | <b>Submitted By: Maeve Yore</b>            | <b>Item ID: 2105</b> |
|  | <b>Date Submitted: 06/02/2017 00:00:00</b> | <b>Owners:</b>       |
| "That Louth County Council appoint an Access Officer who is involved in ensuring that the most up to date best practice guidelines are used in all aspects of Planning and Development in Co. Louth" |  |                      |

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| Motions  | <b>Submitted By: Emma Coffey</b>           | <b>Item ID: 2111</b> |
|  | <b>Date Submitted: 07/02/2017 00:00:00</b> | <b>Owners:</b>       |
| <p>Calling on Louth County Council to contact the relevant Minister and request that the current Commercial Rates Legislation be reviewed in light of the result of the Brexit Referendum and the significant detrimental impact on our Local and National SME'S and to consider the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The Reform of the State Valuation System. At present the entire weight of the commercial rate burden falls on traditional bricks and mortar of the premises across Ireland. I am proposing that the system should take into account the ability to actually pay the rates based on business profits and cash flow.</li><li>2. That a new valuation structure should incorporate a self – assessment aspect. If self – assessment was introduced valuations could be carried out locally and occupiers and entrepreneurs could apply the going rate. If misleading information was provided as it is the case in other areas of self – assessment, then those who supply it would be subject to penalties.</li><li>3. That a rates reduction on a sliding scale be given to new SME businesses/start-ups, i.e. 75% payment in Year 1, 50% payment in Year 2 and 25% payment in Year 3.</li><li>4. That a 65% reduction on rates be given to existing SME'S/ Family businesses for the period from 2009 – 2014 on production of Certified Audited Accounts for those years reflecting a minimum of 25% 'trading at a loss levels' for the years stated.</li></ol> |  |                      |

## Questions

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| Questions | <b>Submitted By: Joanna Byrne</b>          | <b>Item ID: 2112</b> |
|           | <b>Date Submitted: 07/02/2017 00:00:00</b> | <b>Owners:</b>       |

How many houses have been purchased by the Local Authority (Excluding Voluntary Bodies) for Social Housing in 2015 and 2016?

Can you provide a breakdown for the amounts by each year and locations.

How many of the council owned landbanks that are zoned for residential provision have been submitted to the Dept for funding for Social Housing Provision upto and including December 2016?

## Motions from Other Councils

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| Motions from Other Councils   | <b>Submitted By: Alan Sherry</b>           | <b>Item ID: 2106</b> |
|   | <b>Date Submitted: 06/02/2017 00:00:00</b> | <b>Owners:</b>       |
| Cavan County Council 13th January - Motion & Response Letter from Dept of Finance<br>South County Dublin - Motion from December 2016 & January 2017<br>Clare County Council 10th January 2017<br>Tipperary County Council 20th January 2017 |  |                      |

## Correspondence

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| Correspondence   | <b>Submitted By: Alan Sherry</b>           | <b>Item ID: 2107</b> |
|  | <b>Date Submitted: 06/02/2017 00:00:00</b> | <b>Owners:</b>       |
| ALLG - Listing of Training Dates for information<br>Letter from EPA 18th January 2017<br>Letter from Archdiocese of Armagh |  |                      |

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| Items                           | <b>Submitted By: Alan Sherry</b>           | <b>Item ID: 2108</b> |
|                                 | <b>Date Submitted: 06/02/2017 00:00:00</b> | <b>Owners:</b>       |
| Chief Executives Order Register |  |                      |